Exhibit L

## FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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(specify below) Beneficial 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 7. Nature of (Instr. 4) 10% Owner Indirect Ownership 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer X Form filed by One Reporting Person
Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (Instr. 4) Table I --- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned Indirect Direct (D) or Form: (Check all applicable) 6.0wner (give title below) End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4) Beneficially Amount of Securities Owned at Officer Director Other President Price 4. Securities Acquired (A) (<u>4</u>) or Disposed of (D) Date of Original (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. If Amendment, (Month/Year) 4. Statement for March 2003 Month/Year 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Amount Veeco Instruments Inc. (VECO) > Number of Reporting (Instr. 8) Person, if an entity action 3. IRS Identification 3. Trans-Code Code (voluntary) (Month/ Day/ Year) \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). 2. Transaction Date (Middle) 94566 (Zip) 곲 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* (Street) (State) (First) S Don 438 Puerto Vallarta 1. Title of Security Pleasanton (Last) (Instr. 3) (City) Kania

Over) SEC 1474 (3-99)

## Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conver- 3. Trans- 4 sion or action Exercise Date Price of (Month/ Derivative Day/Year) Security	3. Trans- action Date (Month/ Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	nsac- itr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 6 Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	erivative squired (A) or (D) nd 5)	1 .	Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	f Underlying	8. Price of 99 Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	Derivative Securities of Securities Securities Owner III. Nature of tive Securities of Securities Owner III. Nature of III. Na	0. Owner- 11 ship Form of Deriva- tive Se- curity: Direct (D) or Indirect (1)	I. Nature of Indirec Benefi cial Owner ship (Instr. 4)	
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(Right to Purchase)	\$15.27	3/3/03	∢		100,000		*	3/2/10	Common Stock	100,000		100,000	О		
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\*The option becomes exercisable in 33 1/3% increments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the grant date.

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a)

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